



61ST CONGRESS, FIRST SESSION

The Nicaraguan Situation Added to Many Other Important Legislative Subjects.

BOTH HOUSES MEET AT NOON TODAY

President's Message Tomorrow—"Insurgents" to Wait Upon the White House Before Formulating Plan of Action—No Fight Against Taft but Irreconcilable Attitude Against Cannon and Aldrich.

Washington, Dec. 5.—At noon tomorrow the first regular session of the Sixty-first congress will be convened. President Sherman will preside in the senate and Speaker Cannon will preside in the house.

Little Planning Among Members.

The beginning of a session is always regarded with much interest, but there have been few sessions in recent years for which there has been so little planning among members. Ordinarily Speaker Cannon and Senator Aldrich, who speak for the majority of the senate, have a programme at the beginning of a session, but this year they have none, or if they have one, they are not talking about it. They are waiting upon the president. By common consent apparently all are holding back until the presidential recommendations can be received, as they will be on Tuesday in Mr. Taft's first annual message. That his suggestions will be acted upon is too much to say. But there is a disposition to accommodate him as far as can be done, and there is a determination to hear his views before entering upon any effort at legislation along lines which he has intimated a desire to be heard.

"Insurgents" Wait for Message.

Even the "insurgents" generally express a willingness to wait upon the White House before attempting to formulate a plan of action. This is true both in the senate and the house. They manifest much interest in the forthcoming message, but say that until it is received they will be unable to form any plans. They are waiting upon the president, but some at least of them are avowedly irreconcilable in their attitude toward Speaker Cannon and Senator Aldrich, whom they hold responsible, the one for the house rules and the other for the tariff law.

EXECUTIVE ORDER FROM THE WHITE HOUSE

To Improve Personnel and Efficiency of the Diplomatic Service.

Washington, Dec. 5.—To improve the personnel and efficiency of the diplomatic service and to encourage secretaries of legations to qualify for promotion to the rank of ministers, President Taft has approved a plan suggested by Secretary Knox and published tonight as an executive order. The new provision provides for a board of examiners to pass upon all applicants for appointment as secretaries of legations, and prescribes the standard to be maintained. Secretary Knox, in a letter submitting his plan to the president, points out the remarkable growth of the political and commercial foreign relations of the United States and the increasing difficulty of the problems to be dealt with.

DR. COOK'S RECORDS AND REPORT REACH DENMARK.

Arrival of Secretary Lonsdale at Christiansand.

Christiansand, Dec. 5.—Walter Lonsdale, secretary to Dr. Frederick A. Cook, arrived today at Christiansand aboard the steamer United States. He said he had been in the company of Dr. Cook's records and report concerning his North pole expedition. Mr. Lonsdale said that while in the company of Dr. Cook, he was suffering from overwork, but could not be described as "broken down." He added that when he delivered the documents to the authorities of the university of Copenhagen he would be ready to give information concerning Dr. Cook's future plans.

FIRST PERSONAL WORD OF MR. ROOSEVELT

Brought to New York by One of His Hunting Companions.

New York, Dec. 5.—Frederick C. Selous, the English hunter by big game, who helped to outfit the Africa safari of former President Roosevelt, arrived here today by the steamer New York, with the first personal word of Mr. Roosevelt brought back by any of his hunting companions. "I left Colonel Roosevelt at the end of July," said Mr. Selous, "and he was feeling finely. Both he and Kermitt were enjoying themselves immensely, and were doing good work in the hunting field. Colonel Roosevelt has shown himself a splendid big game hunter." Mr. Selous is on his way to California for a month's outing.

"THE FINEST" IN NEW QUARTERS

"No. 300 Mulberry Street" Deserted for Center Street.

New York, Dec. 5.—"No. 300 Mulberry street" officially passed into history yesterday, when the police department deserted the famous building to occupy its new \$3,000,000 home in Center street.

Cabled Paragraphs

Paris, Dec. 5.—Emile Lane Loysen, wife of the ex-priest, Charles Loysen, died Saturday. She was born in New York in 1852, the daughter of Amory Burtin and his wife, Mrs. Loysen.

Gold and Snow Delays Traffic At Jacksonville

TO GREATER EXTENT THAN THE SWITCHMEN'S STRIKE. ARRIVED SUNDAY FROM SAN JUAN VIA CUBA.

Jacksonville, Fla., Dec. 5.—Col. John Jacob Astor and party on his hands-on steam yacht Nourmahal, reached port today from San Juan, P. R., via the coast of Cuba, and remained aboard his yacht tonight.

75 CARS WHEAT MOVED

Into Minneapolis Sunday—Freight Handled at the Minnesota Transfer for First Time Since the Strike.

St. Paul, Minn., Dec. 5.—Cold and snow are now delaying freight traffic on the Northern Pacific and some parts of the Great Northern railroad more than the strike of the switchmen, according to statements issued by the general manager of those roads tonight.

KIDNAPPED GIRL LOCATED

THROUGH ACCIDENT TO A COW

Ethel Evans, 16, Was Taken from Her Mother When a Baby.

Mount Carmel, Ill., Dec. 5.—If the cow had not fallen over a Wahash river, the she would have found her mother, Ethel Evans, 16 years old, probably never again would have seen her mother, for whom she was kidnapped by her father, who was a German, and who had been living in the United States for some time. Ethel was restored today to her mother, now Mrs. F. A. Mather.

SUGAR TRUST INQUIRY, STATEHOOD, POSTAL SAVINGS BILL.

Representative Campbell will introduce a resolution Monday for an investigation of the sugar trust. The resolution is quite general, but after their long wait New Mexico and Arizona will attain statehood before the close of the session.

President's Message Tuesday.

The president's message will be received and read in both houses on Tuesday.

CHILD CRYING ALL NIGHT

DISTURBED NEIGHBORS.

Little One Found in Room With Dead Parents.

Kansas City, Kan., Dec. 5.—Through-out the coldest night of the season thus far, Earl Campbell, 2 years old, was locked in an apartment here alone with the dead bodies of his father and mother. The child was crying all night, and his neighbors were disturbed. The child's plight was discovered today by neighbors who had been disturbed by the crying. Campbell, 20 years old, shot and killed his wife, Myra, and then slew himself Saturday night while the neighbors were sleeping.

CHICAGO ATTORNEY CALHOUN

Offered the Post of Minister to China—Will Accept.

Chicago, Dec. 5.—William J. Calhoun, a Chicago attorney and diplomat, admitted tonight that Secretary of State Knox has offered him the post of minister to China. The admission came in a denial of reports that he had declined to accept the offer. Mr. Calhoun explained that he was in no hurry to accept the offer, but that he would accept it when he was offered the appointment, which was offered two weeks ago.

OBITUARY.

Henry Augustus Willard.

Walpole, N. H., Dec. 5.—Henry Augustus Willard, the last of the three well known Willard brothers of Washington, D. C., died here last night, aged 87. He had been in feeble health and had been in his last month's habitation.

Mr. Willard was the owner of much property in the business section of Washington. His brothers, Charles and Joseph, have been long dead. The funeral will be held here next Wednesday afternoon.

Rev. Dr. Daniel A. Goodsell. Dr. Daniel A. Goodsell, a Rev. Dr. Daniel A. Goodsell, died today at his residence in this city. Bishop Goodsell was a prominent clergyman and a member of the Episcopal church. He was married in 1860 to Miss Louise of Flushing, L. I. The funeral services will be held at the Madison Avenue Methodist Episcopal church.

Patient Burned to Death in Boston

Convalescent Home.

Boston, Mass., Dec. 5.—Burns received by her clothing catching fire from an open fireplace at the St. Luke's Convalescent Home, where she was a patient, caused the death yesterday of Miss Mary T. Larkin, 34 years old. It was learned today, Miss Larkin lived in Lynn.

Shot Dead in a Duel.

La Paz, Bolivia, Dec. 5.—Senator

La Paz, Bolivia, Dec. 5.—Senator Fernandez Molina was shot dead today in a duel with Senator Adolfo Trigo Achá. The men quarrelled during a discussion in the senate over the promotion of the ex-president of Bolivia, Ismael Montes, to general. They fought at an early hour this morning, with revolvers, and Achá's bullet struck his adversary in the head. Molina died instantly.

Middletown, John Fokkitt of Ellington

Has Taken to Ida Gecklen of the Same Town, a Place of 100 Feet

Middletown, John Fokkitt of Ellington has taken to Ida Gecklen of the same town, a place of 100 feet square at the corner of Asylum and Silver streets, South Farm.

Condensed Telegrams

Emile Lane Loysen, wife of the ex-priest, Charles Loysen, died in Paris.

George Crocker, son of the late California millionaire, died in New York.

Dr. Horace Fletcher declares that in five years it will be unfashionable to be ill.

J. Pierpont Morgan declares he acquired the Equitable Life to prevent one-man control.

The Cotton Mill in Manila will suspend operations because of the high price of raw material.

Four Aeroplanes Were Destroyed by a fire in a shed on the old Morris park racetrack, New York.

The Three Receivers of the reorganized Knickerbocker skating company will divide \$450,000 as their fees.

Tentative Plans Have Been Made for the establishment of a summer school at the Catholic university.

Leading Officers of the Russian army commissary department are to be prosecuted for wholesale graft.

Miss Goldie Imberg of Pittsburgh, Kansas, was slain by a burglar, who also took diamond rings from her ears.

Chude Williams, 14 years, a reader of dime novels, shot and killed James Hall, aged 13 years, at Athol, Mass.

Representative Campbell of Kansas will offer a bill in congress for a joint investigation of frauds in the customs service.

The Mine Horror at Cherry, Ill., was stated to be a case of a boy, who pushed a bale of hay against a lighted torch.

Senator Culberson Has Written a letter expressing his purpose of giving up the chairmanship of the democratic caucus.

The Suffragettes Are Taking a lively part in the English campaign and are interfering with the statesmen in their speechmaking.

In a Fight Between Fanatical Moros and Philippine Constabulary on Mindanao Island, six members of the latter and four porters were killed.

The Twelve Passengers and Crew of 21 men of the Isle of Man steamer Eilan Vannin perished in the wreck during the gale off the Irish coast.

The Circulating Libraries Association of England has started a movement for checking the circulation of immoral and otherwise scandalous books.

The Annual Year Book of the Navy has been published. It shows the United States still second in the list, with Germany pushing hard to displace it.

The Tariff Negotiations between Germany and the United States are proceeding smoothly and it is believed will result satisfactorily for both countries.

Attorney General Wickham denounced as absurd the statement that the government intended to abandon its prosecution of the United States and Southern Pacific companies.

Andrew Carnegie was without cash when he went to a New York police station to go bail for his chauffeur, who was arrested for speeding while the ironmaster was en route to a game of golf.

Louis Moore, a New York policeman, at the time he was in New York, saved a man and a child, standing in a window sill on the third floor, by catching them as they dropped from a fourth-story window.

VIADUCT AND BRIDGE OVER HELL GATE.

Plans for Connecting New Haven Road with the Pennsylvania at Long Island City to Be Pushed.

New Haven, Dec. 5.—With the completion of the Pennsylvania railroad tunnel under the East river, the New York, New Haven & Hartford railroad system with the Pennsylvania road, will be connected by the new connection which will be made jointly by the New Haven company and the Pennsylvania company through a third corporation known as the New York Connecting Company. Its total cost is estimated at not less than \$10,000,000, the most important part of the work, the viaduct and bridge over Hell Gate, will probably cost not less than half that sum and the work will occupy probably not more than two years.

The viaduct and bridge over Hell Gate with its two approaches in the bridge proper will be 17,500 feet in length, and will have a clear span of 52 1-2 feet wide and carry four tracks, two intended for freight and two for passenger service. The Pennsylvania road will be connected with the New York station at New York City by a crossing of the Hell Gate, and the amount of structural steel in the bridge will be approximately 80,000 tons.

The two freight tracks of the connecting road will connect with the Pennsylvania freight loop to Bay Ridge, L. I. crossing the East river via the East river bridge and the Pennsylvania and New Haven companies. On through passenger business the effect of the change will be all over the New York station of the Pennsylvania company both a terminal and a way station for New England business.

KING OF SWEDEN WORKS AS STEVEDORE.

To Acquaint Himself with Condition of Laborers.

Stockholm, Dec. 5.—King Gustav inaccuracy in the degree of his stevedore, he spent most of the day, carrying sacks of coal from a lighter. In an interview when it was all over, the king said that this was only the beginning. He intended to mix with all classes of laborers, so that he might ascertain their opinions and wishes. Already, he added, he had obtained many valuable hints from the men with whom he worked.

Steamship Arrivals.

At Gibraltar: Dec. 5, Cedric, from New York.

At Southampton: Dec. 5, Philadelphia, from New York.

At Puntal: Dec. 4, Carolina, from New York.

Princess Enrico Ruspoli Dead at Nemi.

Rome, Dec. 5.—Princess Enrico Ruspoli died today at his chalet in Nemi. He was born at Rome in 1877, and on March 2, 1901, at Washington married Mrs. Enfield Bruton, widow of a wealthy manufacturer of Nashville, who was Miss Eugenia Berry of Oak Hill, Ga.

Princess Enrico was the second son of Prince Luigi Ruspoli and cousin of Prince Francesco Ruspoli, the head of one of the oldest and most famous Italian families. An uncle, Prince Paolo, married Miss Rosalie Berry of Oak Hill, Ga.

Westport Hotel Proprietor Dead.

Westport, Conn., Dec. 5.—Dr. G. J. Underwood, for many years proprietor of the Westport hotel, died at his home here today of kidney trouble. Dr. Underwood was 83 years old and leaves his wife.

Essex—Capt. Aaron Perkins has put in winter quarters at the Essex marine ways some fifty boats, about one-half of them belonging to persons up and down the river.

MARINES TO SAIL ON THE PRINCE

Transferred from Cruiser Prairie and will Start for Colon This Morning

VAIN ATTEMPTS TO FREE THE PRAIRIE

From Mud Flats of Delaware River—Eight Hundred Tons Coal and 800,000 Rounds of Ammunition Lightered from the Stranded Craft—Half a Dozen Tugs Aided by Flood Tides Failed to Pull the Vessel Clear.

Philadelphia, Dec. 5.—Despairing of quickly freeing the auxiliary cruiser Prairie from the mud flats at Pea Patch island in the Delaware river, where she has stuck since last Thursday, the government has the marines and stores aboard the stranded cruiser removed to the auxiliary cruiser Dixie.

Vain Attempts to Free the Cruiser.

It is probable that the latter vessel will get under way tomorrow and proceed to Colon, the original destination of the Prairie. Two men vain attempts were made today to free the Prairie. Lighters had removed more than 800 tons of coal and 800,000 rounds of ammunition, when half a dozen tugs strained and pulled in an effort to get the Prairie into deep water at high tide this morning.

The warship did not budge and when the tide began to recede the work of removing additional stores and the 800 marines to the Dixie was begun. This work continued all afternoon and at flood tide this evening the tugs tried once more to pull the vessel clear. This effort failed and tonight the Prairie remains in almost the same position as when grounded.

Dixie Will Proceed Today.

The Dixie, which will probably sail tomorrow, is a sister ship of the Prairie and has been in readiness at the Philadelphia navy yard for some time.

ZELAYA'S SOLDIERS SPAT ON BODIES OF DEAD AMERICANS

Private Letters to New Orleans Tell of Great Indignities.

New Orleans, Dec. 5.—The Times-Democrat today says: "Confirmation of the creation of the United States and two Americans, Groce and Cannon, by President Zelaya's forces were received here yesterday in private letters from Nicaraguan families residing in this city."

"The letters say the executions took place on the banks of the San Juan river within sight of El Castillo, the bodies being burned, and it is claimed some of the soldiers spat on them, saying words of contempt for the 'dirty Americans'."

"It is claimed someone ordered that the ashes be swept along the public road with the broom, and that finally into the San Juan river. This was considered the greatest indignity which could be heaped upon the Americans, and according to the statement it was done in the vilest manner."

CENTRAL AMERICAN JUNTA HAVE MUCH FOOD FOR DEBATE.

Mysterious Meetings in Washington—Torn by Conflicting Emotions.

Washington, Dec. 5.—The Central American junta, composed of diplomats and statesmen from the five Central American republics, is one of the latest and most mysterious of the United States. While it has been meeting regularly ever since Secretary Knox sent his famous letter to President Taft, the junta has been so secret that it is shrouded in mystery. The junta is working steadily on plans to have to do with the future of the little states washed by the waters of the Caribbean sea.

Clearing House for Nicaragua News.

It is unofficial, but vociferous. Its sessions are held in the cafe of a leading hotel, much frequented by South and Central American diplomats, and the policies of the Central American states are there discussed and decided. The junta is the clearing house for all the information which flows unofficially from revolution-torn Nicaragua, while the president has framed a half dozen new alignments of the five republics, each with a view to the equitable distribution of the "balance of power."

DEFENSE OF SUICIDE.

Under Modern Social Conditions, by Dr. C. D. Fagnoli.

New York, Dec. 5.—A defense of suicide under modern conditions was expounded to the West Side Y. M. C. A. tonight by Dr. Charles D. Fagnoli, who spoke on "The Hierarchy of Socialism."

"A man out of work, with a wife and family dependent on him, and seeing the children starve, said the doctor, 'is justified under modern social conditions, in committing suicide. It is enough, to break one's heart to think of the children, and under which thousands go cheerfully to their fifteen hours of daily work and at night herd like cattle to the pen they call home.'"

PASTOR'S DAUGHTER MISSING.

Wandered Away from Her Father's Home Sunday Morning.

Fishkill Landing, Dec. 5.—The greatest part of the congregation of the Huguenot Presbyterian church, near here, is searching the fields and byways of Dutchess county tonight for Miss Doherty, the daughter of the Rev. William H. Doherty, their pastor.

Miss Doherty, who is only 19, was obliged to abandon her studies at Vassar this year because of overwork. This morning she wandered away.

Rats Playing with Matches Caused \$20,000 Fire.

New York, Dec. 5.—Rats playing with matches in the general stores of John M. Allen started a fire today in Peapack, N. J., which destroyed the store and caused a loss of nearly \$20,000. Firemen and apparatus summoned from villages twelve miles distant checked the flames.

Strike Officials Charged with Conspiracy.

Sydney, N. S. W., Dec. 5.—President Bowling and Secretary Brennan of the Northern Miners' federation have been arrested on the charge of conspiracy in connection with the strike which has been going on for the past three weeks. The miners' officials were released on bail.